

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF FREDERICK COUNTY  
WORKSHOP MINUTES  
Wednesday, January 14, 2015**

Council Members Bud Otis, President; M.C. Keegan-Ayer, Vice-President; Tony Chmelik, Kirby Delauter, Jerry Donald, Jessica Fitzwater (please note arrival time below), and Billy Shreve were present for the meeting. Also present was Patti Morrow, Recording Secretary.

President Otis called the workshop to order at 3:00 p.m. in the first floor hearing room, Winchester Hall, 12 East Church Street, Frederick, Maryland.

The meeting began with the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Council Member Comments**

Council Member Donald provided comments.

**Public Comment**

- Rolan Clark
- John Gretz

**Business Items:**

**Agricultural Rights Transfer Option (ARTO) Ordinance – Bud Otis, Council Member President**

Council Member Otis invited Mr. Rand Weinberg, Esquire, Mr. Noel Manalo, Esquire, Miles and Stockbridge; and Mr. Maurice Gladhill to the table to discuss the ARTO. A presentation was made by Mr. Weinberg and Mr. Gladhill provided examples using his farm properties to explain how the ARTO may work in certain situations.

The Council Members questioned the gentlemen.

Mr. Weinberg asked the Council to request the Maryland Department of Planning to reinstate the Tier IV exemption to Frederick County under the Sustainable Growth and Agricultural Preservation Act of 2012.

(Council Member Fitzwater arrived at 4:20 p.m.)

**Public Comment**

- Rolan Clark
- Mark Long
- Tony Checchia
- Steve Oder, Land Use Council representative

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- Jon Sewell
- Kai Hagen
- John Gretz

Mr. Weinberg responded to the citizens' public comments.

Council Member Otis noted the Council would wait to make any decisions until the new state government is in office.

*No action was taken as this item was informational.*

**Council Member Comments**

Council Members Chmelik, Delauter and Shreve provided comments.

**Public Comment**

None.

**Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

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Bud Otis, President  
County Council